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## **Hearing Loss Expert Offers Consultation**

Free Appointments Accepted for May 13

**FREMONT, Neb.** — With the plethora of hearing aids that are marketed and the number of services regarding hearing loss that an individual can access, navigating the sea of hearing loss products and services can be quite difficult. Therefore, the Nebraska Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (NCDHH) will be offering free appointments in Fremont on Tuesday, May 13, to advise people who are deaf or hard of hearing on what options they can exercise to maximize their communication abilities.

NCDHH Field Representative Beth Ellsworth will be at the Pathfinder House, which is located at 3010 N. Clarkson St., to discuss proactive strategies to prevent hearing loss, opportunities for free specialized telecommunication devices, hearing aid assistance and other NCDHH services.

Those wishing to meet with Ellsworth may contact her by calling (402) 595-3991 or toll free (877) 248-7836. Ellsworth makes monthly visits to Fremont, so those who are out-of-town on May 13 can meet with her in June.

NCDHH field representatives serve as advocates for issues affecting deaf and hard of hearing Nebraskans. They are responsible for guaranteeing services are available to those with hearing loss, and they provide assistance to those seeking products and services designed to meet their communication needs.

Stationed in Omaha, Ellsworth is the field representative for the NCDHH Eastern Region, which comprises an f-shaped area from Valley County to Cass County. She has served Eastern Nebraska as a NCDHH field representative since 1997.

The NCDHH is a state agency providing education, referral information and technical devices to aid hearing and communication between residents, businesses and organizations. More information regarding the NCDHH can be obtained at www.ncdhh.ne.gov.

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